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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

RONALDO deGUZMAN, D.O.
License No.: MB065660

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information alleging that Ronaldo deGuzman, D.O. was convicted in Evesham Township Municipal Court of harassment (offensive touching) in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-4(b) for his conduct relating to patient G.B.. An Administrative Complaint was filed on August 14, 2006. An Answer was filed on August 18, 2006. Upon review of all available information, the Board finds that Dr. deGuzman engaged in acts violative of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c); N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e); N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f); N.J.S.A. 45:9-6; N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.3; and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

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Respondent, being desirous of resolving the within matter without further proceedings and the Board finding the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS, therefore on this 2nd day of November, 2006

ORDERED THAT :

1. Respondent, Ronaldo deGuzman, D.O. be and hereby is reprimanded for violating patient boundaries in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (c), (e), (f) and (h); N.J.S.A. 45:9-6; and N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.3.
2. Respondent shall, within one year following the entry of this Order, take and successfully complete a course on ethics and boundary violations at his own cost approved in advance by the Board. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments were properly and appropriately completed, and a passing grade was achieved which was unconditional and without reservation. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of said course-work to the Board within one (1) year hereof.
3. Respondent shall continue to have a chaperone when he treats female patients, indefinitely. The chaperone must be a licensed member of one of the professional health care boards, and must be approved in advance by the Board. Respondent may not apply for relief from this provision sooner than one (1) year following the date of entry of this order.
4. Dr. DeGuzman shall pay a \$2,5000.00 civil penalty upon entry of the within Order. Respondent shall pay the full amount of the penalty within ten (10) days of the entry date of this Order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the State Board of Medical Examiners at P.O. box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183. Any failure to make payment under the terms of this Order shall accelerate the total debt to the Board

and shall subject Respondent to any and all remedies available to the Board under N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-22.

5. Respondent shall pay attorney's fees of \$15,318.00 and investigative costs of \$6316.69, for a total of \$21,634.69, and shall have eighteen (18) months to pay same in equal monthly installments, due on the first of each month, commencing on September 1, 2006.

6. Interest on all financial assessments shall accrue in accordance with Rule of Court 4:42-11. Payments shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State Board of Medical Examiners. If a monthly payment is not received within five (5) days of the due date, the entire balance shall become due and owing. If monthly payment is not received within ten (10) days of the due date, the Board reserves the right to file a Certificate of Debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24. Failure to make timely payments shall be considered violation of this Order.

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By: Sindy Paul, MD
Sindy Paul, M.D.
Board President

I have read the within Order
and agree to its terms.

Ronaldo deGuzman, D.O.
Ronaldo deGuzman, D.O.

Consented to as to form:

Robert I. Conroy, Esq.
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